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**GOVERNMENT BY CRISES HAS
CHARACTERIZED THE KENNEDY
ADMINISTRATION FROM ITS IN-
CEPTION**

(Mr. ARENDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, the New Frontier leadership is now trying to alibi the inaction of this "standstill Congress" with references to the impending crises—civil rights, threatening railroad strike, outflow of gold, and nuclear test ban treaty—requiring immediate attention. But, Mr. Speaker, these problems have long existed but by delay were made crises only in the last couple weeks, and we have been in session for going on 8 months.

In almost 8 months only two regular departmental appropriation bills have been enacted. And, significantly, we are now taking up the second debt ceiling bill to this session, the sixth under this administration, with still another in the offing.

Significant also, Mr. Speaker, is that we have had a whole series of crises since that stem from the administration's "wait and see policy" doing nothing until matters reach a critical stage.

This is a Government by crises caused by the political policy of doing nothing until the emergency arises.

The administration did nothing, and we had the Bay of Pigs fiasco. The Berlin wall was erected in violation of a treaty, and we did nothing but watch its erection.

We "watched and waited" while Russia made Cuba a military outpost and the "quarantine" was imposed only when the situation reached a critical stage. President Kennedy acted only when he was confronted with both military and political crisis.

Many civil rights bills have been pending in the 87th and in this Congress. Nothing was done on any of them. The administration simply "watched and waited," and now we have a civil rights crisis that could have been avoided.

President Kennedy has sent numerous messages to the Congress. At once has he recommended remedial legislation in the field of labor-management relations. The railroad controversy has been pending for 4 years. We "watched and waited"—did nothing until now—and we now have the pending crisis.

We have long been confronted with the balance-of-payments problem, with a dangerous outflow of gold. Nothing basic has yet been done for a solution, and only a few votes prevented the administration from making a recommendation. Here again, Mr. Speaker, the administration's policy has been "wait and see" more than its customary "watch and wait."

This is Government by crises. This is Government by political expediency that brings about crises.

The reason for this is so few accommodations are made for priority for emergency legislation because of the administration's "wait and wait" policy which is a deliberate policy to